

16. Praise that INDRA who alone has
been born
the supervisor (of all), the lord of men, the giver
of
rain.

17. INDRA, who hast ever been the
friend of those
who praise thee, and the insurer of their happiness
by
thy protection, grant us. felicity.

18. Wielder of the thunderbolt, take
the bolt in
thy hands for the destruction of the *Itdkshasas*,
and
utterly overthrow those who defy thee.

19. I invoke the ancient INDRA, the giver
of riches,
(our) friend, the encourager of his adorers, who is
to
be propitiated by prayer.

20. He alone rules over all terrestrial
riches, he
who is entitled to especial praise, he who is
irresist-
ible.

Vargaxxv. 21. Lord of cattle, (coming) with thy
mares,
satisfy our desires completely with
(abundant) food,
with horses, and with kine.

21. Sing praises, when your libation is
poured out,
to him who is the invoked of many, the subduer
(of
foes), giving him gratification, like (fresh pasture)
to
cattle.¹

22. The giver of dwellings verily
withholds not
the gift of food conjoined with cattle, when he
hears
our praises.

23. Then the destroyer of the *Dasyus*,
proceeds to
the cattle-crowded folds of *Ki/vitsa*, and by his
acts
opens them for us.²

24. INDRA, performer of many exploits,
these our
praises repeatedly recur to thee as parent (cows)
to
their young.

¹ *S&ma-Veda*, r. 115.

² *Ibid.* ii. 1017-18; *kuufoa* is-tenned merely
a certain per-

• son who does much (*huvit*) harm, (